

## I. AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

5 Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Canceled)

10 Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) An article of furniture for pets comprising:

- a first pet step comprising a high-density foam core of three-dimensional shape,
- 15 said high-density foam having a relatively high coefficient of friction, and defining a bottom, a cover removably mounted to said core, said cover being constructed from a fabric having a relatively high coefficient of friction and having a plurality of seams arranged therein so as to define a bag shape with an opening therein, an elastic band mounted to the cover at said opening, said cover being fitted around said core such that
- 20 the band locates entirely within the perimeter of the bottom of the core leaving a substantial area of the bottom of the core uncovered and exposed, and a plurality of fasteners permanently systematically and strategically mounted to specific locations on the cover,

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